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Dworshak fishing access improvements completed

OROFINO, Idaho – New fishing platforms installed near the base of Dworshak Dam on the North Fork of the Clearwater River near Orofino, Idaho, will open to public access on March 6, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials announced today.

"We really appreciate the public's patience with not having access to the fishing wall during a prime fishing season," said Paul Pence, Dworshak natural resources manager. "Unfortunately, the construction period coincided with Idaho's fall fishing season."

Anglers who plan on going after steelhead or other sport fish at the fishing wall will no longer need to traverse large rocks to net their catches. A set of stairs now offers a safe path leading from the roadside fishing wall near the powerhouse gate down about 40 to 50 feet alongside the wall to concrete platforms installed atop the rocks at the water level of the river.

Dam officials also expanded access to shoreline fishing including areas downstream of the fishing platform to the red security gate.

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<u>MEDIA ADVISORY:</u> Photographs of this Walla Walla District project are available for download at http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/pa/NR/NR06_files/NR06-10photos.htm

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